

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Company #1  
2825 Main St.

June 1, 2017

Present: Commissioner Gilbert Spencer  
Commissioner Charles Longo  
Commissioner Arnold Higgins  
Commissioner John Cafazzo  
Commissioner Richard French

Absent: Commissioner James Dutton

Commissioner Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes from the following meetings:

January – motion was made by Commissioner Longo, seconded by Commissioner Higgins motion passed.

February – tabled

March - tabled

May – motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Longo motion passed

**Public Comment:** Engineer Richard Quagliaroli invited the commissioners to attend the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Company 2. The celebration will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Company 2, rain or shine. Events to include a “mini taste of South Glastonbury” and a midway area. The committee is currently working with the vendor to secure any necessary permits.

**Chief's Report:**

- The department will hold a Swearing-In Ceremony on June 8, 2017 at the Riverfront Community Center. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- On May 18, 2017, while operating at an odor of natural gas incident two firefighters sustained minor injuries as the result of a dog bite. Both firefighters were in full personal protective equipment at the time of the incident. One firefighter was bitten on the knee and required no medical attention. The other firefighter was bitten in the calf muscle and required medical attention. Both injuries were report to CIRMA. Commissioner Higgins inquired if the firefighters gear had been inspected since the dog bite. Both sets were visually inspected and did not appear to cause any damage. If there is damage to the gear it would be the dog owner's responsibility to cover the cost.
- On May 30, 2017, a firefighter sustained a minor hand injury at a motor vehicle accident. The firefighter required medical attention. CIRMA was notified
- Chief Thurz has applied for a grant through the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, which focusses on NFPA 1582 physicals for new recruits as well as Firefighter I and II

training. If awarded the Department would seek reimburse for new recruit physicals that occurred over the past year, as well as Firefighter I and II training.

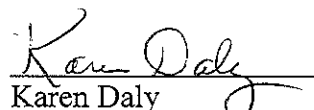
- Chief Thurz distributed copies of the By-Laws to the commissioners. The Town Manager and Human Resource director have reviewed them. The Town's attorney is reviewing them.
- Commissioner's French, Longo and Cafazzo met with the Purchasing Agent and Finance Director concerning the towns purchasing procedures, bid lists, etc.
- The New England Fire Chief's show will be at Foxwoods. Chief Thurz and four members of the department will be attending on Friday, June 23, 2017.
- Chief Thurz will be on vacation the first week of August.

**Committee Reports:** Commissioner Spencer asked the members about suspending the meetings during the summer months. The commissioners were not in favor of doing that. Meetings will continue during the summer months.

**New Business:** Commissioner French stated that after serving on the commission for twenty plus years he will be resigning from the commission and that tonight would be his last meeting.

**Next Regular Meeting:** July 6, 2017 Company 1, 2825 Main Street, 6:30 PM.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner French and seconded by Commissioner Higgins Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
Karen Daly  
Recording Secretary

cc: Fire Commission (6)  
Fire Chiefs (4)  
Fire Captains (4)  
Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager  
Chris Siwy, Fire Marshal  
Mary Visone, Purchasing Agent  
Robert DiBella, Civil Preparedness